

### Introduction

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## Site Description

- Site is located in Phillips County, Arkansas, south of West Helena
- 48 acres along State Highway 242, 1 mile southwest of the intersection of U.S. Highway 49 and Highway 242



# Site Operational History

- Facility initially operated by Helena Chemical in 1970.
- Operated by Ansul (fka under the name of Eagle River Chemical). During this time period, dinoseb was produced on the site.
- From 1971 to 2002, facility manufactured or processed a variety of agricultural and organic chemicals under various owners and operators.
- Last owner of record was Cedar Chemical Corporation.
- On March 8, 2002, Cedar Chemical Corporation filed for bankruptcy
- Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) assumed control of the facility on October 12, 2002, and currently acts as the caretaker of the facility

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- On March 22, 2007 ADEQ entered into a Consent Administrative Order (CAO) with Ansul Incorporated (formally known as Wormald US, Inc.), Helena Chemical Company and Exxon Mobil Chemical (a division of Exxon Mobil Corporation).
- Respondents developed a Feasibility Study Report (FS) proposing remedies for areas of concern AOCs. The FS was used to support the development of a Remedial Action Decision Document (RADD)
- Remedial Action Decision Document <del>RADD</del> was finalized <del>and signed</del> on June 3, 2010.
- Presently, Quapaw LLC leases the fFacility.
- A licensed wastewater operator is employed to direct storm water from the facility into the wastewater treatment system and before it is discharged to the Mississippi River.

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### **NEGOTIATIONS**

#### **Special Notice Letters**

- December 31, 2013
  - Bayer Corporation, Syngenta, Rhodia, Chevron, Rohm and Haas, ExxonMobil, Helena Chemical, Tyco International
- May 28, 2014
  - FMC, BASF, BP Corporation, BF Goodrich, Dupont
- Rohm & Haas declined to negotiate

## **NEGOTIATIONS** (cont'd)

### **Initial PRP Meeting**

- November 18, 2014, an initial AOC negotiation meeting was held at the Region 6 Office. All PRPs were represented at the meeting
- 3 PRPs made a de minimis claim
  - FMC, BF Goodrich, Rhodia

# **Next Steps**

- Establish POC for a negotiations group
- Establish POC for a technical group
- Establish a timeline to complete negotiations and signed AOC.